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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 10/026,667 : DECISION ON PETITION UNDER  
Filed: December 21, 2001 : 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B)  
Attorney Docket Number: :  
17147.00011 :  
Title: IMPLANT FIXATION DEVICE :

This is a decision on the petition filed April 11, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. §1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 4, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 5, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed on December 10, 2004.

A petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) was received on February 14, 2005, and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on February 9, 2006.

1 A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The present petition was received on April 11, 2006, along with the petition fee, an amendment, and the proper statement of unintentional delay. No terminal disclaimer is required.

As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the concurrently submitted amendment can be processed.

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